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TITLE: COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE SAME

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant maintains the previous claim to small entity status of this application. See 37 C.F.R § 1.27
 Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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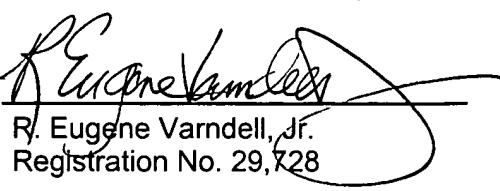
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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

December 4, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination under merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. The amendments set forth below are supplemental to those set forth in the second preliminary amendment filed on September 17, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 23 and 24 by rewriting these claims as follows: